

ONLINE TRIP REPORTING FAQs



Why is the paper logbook endorsement being required in 2014?

The \$25 paper catch and effort harvester and dockside sales logbook endorsement is funding the printing, mailing, data entry, and administrative costs of the logbook program. Electronic reporting eliminates the printing, mailing, data entry, and a substantial portion of the administrative costs of the program, and thus is offered at no cost.

How do I know if I need the endorsement and/or to enroll in online reporting?

The following categories of fishermen <u>DO</u> need to either purchase the endorsement or enroll in online reporting:	The following categories of fishermen <u>DO NOT</u> need to purchase the endorsement or enroll in online reporting:
State waters only fishermen with a harvester and/or dockside sales logbook requirement.	PEL and CFL license holders without a logbook requirement (quahog, soft-shell clam, or shellfish-other endorsements only).
Federal fishermen with dockside sales endorsements.	Fishermen who solely fish on board federal vessels, have a VTR requirement, AND do not have a dockside sales endorsement.
Federal fishermen WITHOUT a VTR requirement.	
Federal fishermen who also fish from state vessels or from shore.	

Do I need the endorsement if I have old logbooks lying around?

Yes. As mentioned above, this endorsement covers more than just the printing and mailing of the logbooks. Paper logbooks will not be accepted without the endorsement. Any fishermen who submits a paper logbook without the endorsement will be contacted and told to either purchase the endorsement or sign up for electronic reporting.

Where do I get the endorsement?

At the Licensing & Registration office located at 235 Promenade St, Providence RI on the 3rd floor, Room 350. They are open Mon-Fri 8:30-3:30 and can be contacted at 401-222-6647.

How do I sign up for online reporting?

To sign up, go to the marine fisheries website: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/topics/mftopics.htm> and click on the red “Sign Up for Online Harvester Catch and Effort Reporting” link. Then fill out the form and click “submit”. Account information and introductory material including the website information and brief instructions will be sent to you within one week via email.

What kind of technical support will be available?

Training workshops will be held periodically throughout the year. Online tutorial videos are available on YouTube by searching for “Rhode Island DEM Marine Fisheries.” Marine Fisheries staff will also be available to assist via phone or email.

What do I do if I enroll in online reporting, but change my mind in a few months?

The endorsement is an open endorsement and can be added to your license at any time. Once purchased, we will mail you a logbook and you can send in reports.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact Coly Ares at 401-423-1926 or nichole.ares@dem.ri.gov, or Tom Rosa at 401-423-1923 or tom.rosa@dem.ri.gov

